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Major General Charles F. Bolden, USMC (Ret.) Administrator National Aeronautics and Space Administration 300 E Street, S.W. Washington, D.C.20546-0002

## Dear General Bolden:

I am writing on behalf of the Rotary Club of Dayton. We are a 300+ member service organization comprised of CEO's and senior level managers of local companies, government entities and non-profit organizations.

As the space shuttle program comes to an end a space shuttle will be placed on display at a museum. We encourage you to seriously consider the National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF) as the home of one of the available shuttles. The museum can accommodate the shuttle right now in an indoor climate-controlled facility. Additionally, the museum offers a professional aerospace vehicle restoration program with specialized equipment and resources already in place to prepare the orbiter for public display and ensure its preservation.

The shuttle of prime interest in the Dayton area is shuttle Atlantis because it was the primary Air Force/ Department of Defense shuttle. As the home of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base our community would be proud to have Atlantis on display at NMUSAF.

The State of Ohio has had many space flight accomplishments with Neil Armstrong as the first man on the moon and Senator John Glenn as the first man to orbit the earth. Dayton is very proud to have as two of its most famous aviators/inventors, Wilbur and Orville Wright. The regions rich aviation tradition would continue with a shuttle on display at NMUSAF.

NMUSAF has 1.3 million visitors per year and is the number one free tourist destination in Ohio. It is located in the city where the Wright brothers did most of their flight testing and within the National Aviation Heritage Area, an 8-county region in Southwest Ohio.

Our club was chartered in 1913 and we have a long history of supporting the Dayton region in its efforts to promote aviation history. We are happy to have had as one of our honorary members, Orville Wright.

The Rotary Club of Dayton joins the Air Force Museum Foundation and the National Aviation Heritage Alliance and many other organizations and individuals as supporters of bringing a space shuttle to the NMUSAF, preferably shuttle Atlantis.



Paul Miller, President Rotary Club of Dayton

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